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Mr. Mark Pisano, Executive Officer Southern California Association of Governments 818 West 7th Street, 12th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mr. Pisano:

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for SCAG's 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement

Program through Amendment #06-08 and SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan

through Amendment #3

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2006 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) through Amendment #06-08 and 2004 Regional Transportation Plan through Amendment #3 (RTP). A joint FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination for amendments to the RTP and RTIP are required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On June 7, 2007, SCAG adopted the 2006 RTIP through amendment #06-08, the RTP through Amendment #3 and made the corresponding conformity determinations. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that the 2006 RTIP as amended and 2004 RTP as amended conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this approval was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's 2006 RTIP as amended and 2004 RTP as amended. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Ms. Jean Mazur, FHWA, at 916-498-5732.

Sincerely,

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